

fuel economy data required by the Energy Tax Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 4064.

(f) *Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE)*. (1) Certificate holders shall comply with any applicable CAFE requirements of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, 15 U.S.C. 2001 et seq., and 40 CFR part 600, for all vehicles imported under §§ 85.1505 and 85.1509.

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#### § 85.1511 Exemptions and exclusions.

(a) Individuals, as well as certificate holders, shall be eligible for importing vehicles into the United States under the provisions of this section, unless otherwise specified.

(b) Notwithstanding any other requirements of this subpart, a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine entitled to one of the temporary exemptions of this paragraph may be conditionally admitted into the United States if prior written approval for such conditional admission is obtained from the Administrator. Conditional admission shall be under bond. A written request for approval from the Administrator shall contain the identification required in § 85.1504(a)(1) (except for § 85.1504(a)(1)(v)) and information that indicates that the importer is entitled to the exemption. Noncompliance with provisions of this section may result in the forfeiture of the total amount of the bond or exportation of the vehicle or engine. The following temporary exemptions are permitted by this paragraph:

(1) *Exemption for repairs or alterations*. Owners of fleet vehicles or engines may import such vehicles or engines solely for purposes of repairs or alterations. Such vehicles or engines may not be registered or licensed in the United States for use on public roads and highways. They may not be sold or leased in the United States and must be exported upon completion of the repairs or alterations.

(2) *Testing exemption*. Testing vehicles or engines may be imported by any person subject to the requirements of 40 CFR 85.1705 and 85.1708. Test vehicles or engines may be operated on and registered for use on public roads or highways provided that the operation is an integral part of the test. The exemp-

tion shall be limited to a period not exceeding one year from the date of importation unless a request is made by the appropriate importer concerning the vehicle in accordance with § 85.1705(f) for a subsequent one-year period.

(3) *Precertification exemption*. Prototype vehicles for use in applying to EPA for certification may be imported by independent commercial importers subject to applicable provisions of 40 CFR 85.1706 and the following requirements:

(i) No more than one prototype vehicle for each engine family for which an independent commercial importer is seeking certification shall be imported by each independent commercial importer.

(ii) Unless a certificate of conformity is issued for the prototype vehicle, the total amount of the bond shall be forfeited or the vehicle must be exported within 180 days from the date of entry.

(4) *Display exemptions*. (i) Vehicles or engines intended solely for display may be imported subject to the requirements of 40 CFR 85.1707.

(ii) Display vehicles or engines may be imported by any person. Display vehicles or engines may not be sold in the United States and may not be registered or licensed for use on or operated on public roads or highways in the United States, unless an applicable certificate of conformity has been received.

(c) Notwithstanding any other requirements of this subpart, a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine may be finally admitted into the United States under this paragraph if prior written approval for such final admission is obtained from the Administrator. Conditional admission of these vehicles is not permitted for the purpose of obtaining written approval from the Administrator. A request for approval shall contain the identification information required in § 85.1504(a)(1) (except for § 85.1504(a)(1)(v)) and information that indicates that the importer is entitled to the exemption or exclusion. The following exemptions or exclusions are permitted by this paragraph:

(1) *National security exemption*. Vehicles may be imported under the national security exemption found at 40

CFR 85.1708. Only persons who are manufacturers may import a vehicle under a national security exemption.

(2) *Hardship exemption.* The Administrator may exempt on a case-by-case basis certain motor vehicles from Federal emission requirements to accommodate unforeseen cases of extreme hardship or extraordinary circumstances. Some examples are as follows:

(i) Handicapped individuals who need a special vehicle unavailable in a certified configuration;

(ii) Individuals who purchase a vehicle in a foreign country where resale is prohibited upon the departure of such as individual;

(iii) Individuals emigrating from a foreign country to the U.S. in circumstances of severe hardship.

(d) Foreign diplomatic and military personnel may import nonconforming vehicles without bond. At the time of admission, the importer shall submit to the Administrator the written report required in § 85.1504(a)(1) (except for information required by § 85.1504(a)(1)(v)). Such vehicles may not be sold in the United States.

(e) *Racing exclusion.* Racing vehicles may be imported by any person provided the vehicles meet one or more of the exclusion criteria specified in 40 CFR 85.1703. Racing vehicles may not be registered or licensed for use on or operated on public roads and highways in the United States.

(f) *Exclusions/exemptions based on date of original manufacture.* (1) Notwithstanding any other requirements of this subpart, the following motor vehicles or motor vehicle engines are excluded from the requirements of the Act in accordance with section 216(3) of the Act and may be imported by any person:

(i) Gasoline-fueled light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks originally manufactured prior to January 1, 1968.

(ii) Diesel-fueled light-duty vehicles originally manufactured prior to January 1, 1975.

(iii) Diesel-fueled light-duty trucks originally manufactured prior to January 1, 1976.

(iv) Motorcycles originally manufactured prior to January 1, 1978.

(v) Gasoline-fueled and diesel-fueled heavy-duty engines originally manufactured prior to January 1, 1970.

(2) Notwithstanding any other requirements of this subpart, a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine not subject to an exclusion under § 85.1511(f)(1) but greater than twenty OP years old is entitled to an exemption from the requirements of the Act, provided that it is imported into the United States by a certificate holder. At the time of admission, the certificate holder shall submit to the Administrator the written report required in § 85.1504(a)(1) (except for information required by § 85.1504(a)(1)(v)).

(g) Applications for exemptions and exclusions provided for in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section shall be mailed to: Investigation/Imports Section (EN-340F), Office of Mobile Sources, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC 20460.

(h) Vehicles conditionally or finally admitted under paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(4), (c)(1), (c)(2), and (f)(2) of this section must still comply with all applicable requirements, if any, of the Energy Tax Act of 1978, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act and any other Federal or state requirements.

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#### § 85.1512 Admission of catalyst and O<sub>2</sub> sensor-equipped vehicles.

(a)(1) Notwithstanding other provisions of this subpart, any person may conditionally import a vehicle which:

(i) Was covered by a certificate of conformity at the time of original manufacture or had previously been admitted into the United States under § 85.1505 or § 85.1509 (after June 30, 1988).

(ii) Was certified, or previously admitted under § 85.1505 or § 85.1509 (after June 30, 1988), with a catalyst emission control system and/or O<sub>2</sub> sensor;

(iii) Is labeled in accordance with 40 CFR part 86, subpart A or subpart S, or, where applicable, § 85.1510(c); and

(iv) Has been driven outside the United States, Canada and Mexico or such other countries as EPA may designate.

(2) Such vehicle must be entered under bond pursuant to 19 CFR 12.73 unless it is included in a catalyst and